

'U.S. ready to sign arms treaty'

WASHINGTON (R) — Secretary of State George Shultz said on Friday ahead of a meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze that Washington was prepared to sign a pact abolishing medium-range nuclear missiles. But he accused Moscow of posing new obstacles to an arms agreement, such as the demand by Soviet arms adviser Viktor Karpov on Thursday that Washington destroy Pershing-1A missile warheads on U.S. territory as well as in West Germany. "The Soviets keep adding new things, and the question is whether or not they want to move forward," Mr. Shultz said in reference to a proposed treaty scrapping all U.S. and Soviet intermediate-range nuclear forces. In Bonn, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Petrovsky, accusing the United States of stalling in the Geneva arms talks, said on Friday considerable obstacles remained in the path of a U.S.-Soviet missile deal. Mr. Petrovsky, in Bonn for two days of talks, said U.S. negotiators were misinterpreting the essence of the "double zero option" — the planned accord which would scrap both countries' medium and shorter-range nuclear missiles. Such a deal was possible this year, Mr. Petrovsky told a news conference. But he added: "Considerable problems lie ahead."

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Kanaan returns from Istanbul

AMMAN (Petra) — Planning Minister Taher Kanaan returned home Friday from Istanbul where he took part in a week-long meeting of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) standing committee for economic and commercial cooperation. In an arrival statement Dr. Kanaan said the meetings discussed a number of issues designed to push the pace of Islamic economic and commercial cooperation. He added the committee recommended that a number of recommendations drawn up by the Islamic Bank on financial long-term projects be implemented.

Physicists elect officials

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordanian Physicists Association Friday elected a new administrative committee for a term of two years. The newly elected committee comprises of Tayseer Subhi (president), Saleh Qteishat (vice president), Fares Al Tawil (treasurer), Fouad Taffal Ibrahim Al Khatib, Sali Al Labadi and Muna Mikhayir. Jamal Al Dasuqi and Shadia Ikheime were elected as stand by members.

Mubarak visits Oman

MUSCAT (AP) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak paid an unscheduled visit to Oman Friday for a "close quarters" look at the war-impacted Gulf region, his aides reported. The Egyptian leader, on an overnight private stay on his way home from Ethiopia, was received in Salalah by Sultan Qaboos bin Sa'id. Egypt's state information service director, Mamdouh Al-Bitar, who was accompanying Mr. Mubarak, was quoted by Cairo's state-run news agency MENA as saying the president wished to have a look at the Gulf situation "at close quarters."

OPEC chief to leave post

KUWAIT (AP) — Ali Atiqi, the Libyan long-time first secretary-general of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), has resigned and is leaving at the end of September, an OPEC spokesman announced Friday. Mr. Atiqi had submitted his resignation to the OPEC semi-annual conference in Syria June 10. But this was the first official announcement that he was determined to leave. There has been no official explanation of Mr. Atiqi's decision. OPEC sources said however his resignation was prompted by the drastic cut in the organisation's budget which has been slashed by 65 per cent, from 3.3 million Kuwaiti dinars (\$11.5 million) in 1983, to less than two million dinars (\$7 million).

Israel jails 3 army reservists

TEL AVIV (AP) — The Israeli army imprisoned three reserve soldiers who refused for "reasons of conscience" to serve in the occupied West Bank, a wife of one of the soldiers said Friday. The soldiers are members of Yesh Gvul, a group of conscientious objectors to Israel's 20-year occupation of Gaza and the West Bank. "My husband thinks the Palestinian people have a right to their own state," Yael Greenberg said in an interview. "He doesn't want to take part in the occupation. He doesn't feel right about it."

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Perez de Cuellar begins Gulf peace mission in Tehran

Iran 'ready to listen' to U.N. chief • Soviets reject military action against Iran but will support arms embargo
• Shultz expects Iranian refusal to accept 598

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar arrived in Tehran Friday on the first leg of a peace mission seeking to end the seven-year-old Iran-Iraq war.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) said the Peruvian diplomat's jet landed at Mehrabad airport at 7.20 p.m. (1550 GMT) after a flight from Paris.

Mr. Perez de Cuellar was greeted by Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati and senior officials, IRNA said.

The agency gave no other details. But before leaving Paris after an overnight stop, Mr. Perez de

Cuellar said he was "neither pessimistic nor optimistic, but realistic" about the prospects of persuading Iran to accept the U.N. Security Council's July 20 resolution calling for a ceasefire.

IRNA said that Mr. Perez de Cuellar was in Iran "for talks on (the) Iran-Iraq war and U.N. Security Council Resolution 598."

The July 20 resolution called for an immediate ceasefire in the

war and the secretary general will go on to Baghdad from Tehran in a bid to implement it.

Iraq has said it would accept the resolution if Iran did the same. Iranian leaders have said there were positive and negative aspects to the U.N. call, but have demanded that Iraq be branded the "aggressor" in the war before a ceasefire is agreed.

In Tehran, Mr. Perez de Cuellar is expected to spend two days meeting with Iranian President Ali Khamenei, Foreign Minister Velayati, Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani and Prime Minister Hussein Musavi.

The diplomat said Friday he was not planning to meet with Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the Islamic republic's revolution-

ary patriarch.

Mr. Perez de Cuellar said he had requested a joint meeting with Iran's leaders, but that "they might have difficulties" with such a session.

He plans to meet in Baghdad with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz.

The U.N. chief, who was scheduled to fly on to Baghdad Monday, said in Paris he would "sound out the two parties on the putting into effect of the different points of Resolution 598."

Several hours before Mr. Perez de Cuellar landed, Mr. Khamenei told worshippers at a prayer session in Tehran University that the

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Iraq and Libya said on verge of announcing resumption of full ties

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter with agency dispatches

AMMAN — Iraq and Libya are on the verge of announcing resumption of full diplomatic relations after a visit to Baghdad last week by the Libyan foreign minister, according to reports from the Gulf.

The Doha-based Qatari News Agency reported in a dispatch from Dubai on Friday that Tripoli and Baghdad were expected to name their respective ambassadors to each other. The agency attributed the report to well-placed Kuwaiti sources.

Press reports in Dubai said Friday that Libya was expected to name the director of its Foreign Ministry's Political Department, Mr. Husni Saleh Al Mideer — a

former Libyan ambassador to Kuwait — as its ambassador in Baghdad.

The reports came after Iraq and Libya issued a joint statement on Thursday indicating an end to their two-year-old feud and of Libya's support for Iraq in the Iran-Iraq war.

The statement declared that the continuation of the war "represents a dangerous threat to peace in the region and wastes the Arab and Islamic energies," reported the Iraqi News Agency (INA).

The two states also agreed to abide by the Arab League Charter, which opposes aggression against the territory or interests of any Arab state, or interference in its internal affairs.

The communique made no mention of any restoration of

diplomatic relations between the two countries, severed by Baghdad in February 1985 after Tripoli and Tehran forged an alliance.

Earlier, authoritative Arab sources in Kuwait, where Mr. Talhi passed through on his way home, told reporters Iraq and Libya had agreed to reforge ties.

The communique said Iraq and Libya reiterated the Arab League call for Tehran to accept the July 20 U.N. Security Council ceasefire call.

Iraq has said it will accept the call if Iran does too. Iran has said it wants the council to declare Iraq the "aggressor" in the conflict.

Mr. Talhi was the first top Libyan official to make a formal visit to Iraq since relations were

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Battles erupt in Shatila camp

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Explosions from rocket and machinegun fire rocked Beirut's Shatila Palestinian refugee camp on Friday in the first fighting there since Syrian troops deployed around the camp in April.

Local radio stations and the Amal militia said the clashes were between fighters backed by Syria and others loyal to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who has major influence in the camp.

But Palestinian sources accused Amal militiamen of firing into the camp, a battered 200-metre square breezeblock and concrete settlement.

Israelis plant mines

In another development, security sources quoted by Reuters said

Israeli gunboats had started widespread mining of South Lebanon's coastal waters, dropping about 100 mines from Tyre to the Israeli border.

Tyre fishermen netted one of the mines laid on Wednesday and blew it up with dynamite on the shore, witnesses told Reuters.

The mine, said to similar to those found in the Gulf, weighed 70 kilograms and blew a crater 20 metres wide and two metres deep in the beach.

The independent Al Nahar newspaper said Israel had informed the Amal militia that its navy would blockade all Lebanese ports from Beirut to Tyre if Amal did not release an Israeli airman captured by the militia in October.

Al Nahar did not say how

Israel passed its message to Amal, the biggest militia in South Lebanon.

Amal leader Nabih Berri in a speech earlier this month repeated his offer to exchange the Israeli officer for Lebanese and Palestinian prisoners held in Israeli jails.

Amal controls three ports along the 99-kilometre Mediterranean coast between Beirut and the Israeli border.

The Israeli pilot was captured by Amal last Oct. 16 after Palestinians shot down his F-4E Phantom jet fighter with a surface-to-air missile during a bombing raid against Palestinian camps in South Lebanon.

Israel denied that it had planted mines in the area.

Palestinians have right to homeland, Pope tells U.S. Jews

MIAMI (Agencies) — Pope John Paul II, in a long-awaited meeting with American Jewish leaders, said the Palestinian people had a right to homeland as any other civil nation.

The Pope, on the second day of a visit to the U.S., also defended his predecessor pontiffs against accusations that they were silent about the treatment of Jews by Nazis during World War II.

Jews have a right to a homeland "as does any civil nation," but that right also "applies to the Palestinian people, so many of whom remain homeless and refugees," the Pope said.

Meeting 200 Jewish leaders on the second day of a nine-day U.S. visit, he praised Pope Pius XII, whose World War II record in dealing with the Nazi war crimes has been debated by historians.

While the Pope said the Palestinians had a right to a homeland, he made no mention of whether the Vatican would change its position of refusing to recognise Israel.

Before recognising Israel, the Vatican wants an agreement protecting the international status of Jerusalem and preserving the holy places for Christianity, Judaism and Islam.

It also says there must be a solution to the Palestinian problem.

The Pope's forthright defence of his predecessor was the latest sign that he intends to confront head-on issues troubling the church in the United States.

King and Thatcher review Gulf developments and Mideast situation

LONDON (Agencies) — His Majesty King Hussein and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on Friday made a comprehensive review of the latest developments in the Iran-Iraq war and the Middle East crisis.

According to British sources quoted by news agencies, the two leaders had "identical viewpoints" over the need to implement U.N. Security Council Resolution 598 on ending the almost seven-year-old Gulf war.

Reporting on the London meeting, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said King Hussein and Mrs. Thatcher also covered prospects for the proposed international peace conference on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Mrs. Thatcher expressed appreciation for the King's thorough and valuable review on the latest developments in the Middle East, Petra said. The meeting was described by various news agencies as "comprehensive."

King Hussein, accompanied by Her Majesty Queen Noor and Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid



King Hussein arrived here on Thursday on a private visit.



their first state visit to Switzerland.

British television networks and newspapers have given great attention to the King's visit to Britain and to his talks with Mrs. Thatcher, in view of the situation in the Gulf, and international and Arab efforts towards ending the Iran-Iraq war.

After their stay in Britain, King Hussein and Queen Noor will pay a two-day state visit to Switzerland, next Thursday. It will be

A Royal Palace announcement in Amman said Thursday during his stay there, King Hussein would discuss the Gulf conflict and the Middle East situation with Swiss President and Foreign Minister Pierre Aubert and other government officials.

Prior to King Hussein's departure on Thursday, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan was sworn in as Regent.

Controversy grows over Arafat 'message' to Israeli leaders

Foreign ministry official says 3-point programme received but no one is taking it seriously. Shamir refuses to see Biton but aide says Arafat proposal is objectionable and not new. • PLO: No message and no direct talks outside international parley • Biton dismisses PLO denial, saying Arafat offered talks after 3 conditions are met

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat has offered a three-point programme for negotiations with Israel including an end to hostilities, mutual recognition and a suspension of settlement-building, an Israeli foreign ministry official said Friday.

Communist Party legislator Charlie Biton conveyed the message to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's spokesman, Yossi Ahimeir, and Foreign Minister

Shimon Peres' political adviser, Nimrod Novick.

Mr. Shamir refused to meet with Mr. Biton after hearing Mr. Arafat's message, Ahimeir told AP.

"He said there's nothing new in the proposal," Ahimeir said. "It is meant to pave the way for a Palestinian state which Israel totally opposes."

A foreign ministry official said Mr. Peres would meet Mr. Biton but would not accept a message from Mr. Arafat.

"I don't think anyone, even in the PLO, is taking this seriously," said the official on condition of anonymity.

The PLO has denied Mr. Arafat had sent a message through Mr. Biton in a statement issued Thursday from its headquarters in Tunis.

"There is no message from Arafat through any member of the Israeli parliament," spokesman Ahmad Abdul Raham said.

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Benvenisti: Israel is on its way to becoming a police state

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israel has begun linking military offices by computer to tighten police surveillance over Palestinians in the occupied territories, an Israeli researcher said Friday.

At a news conference introducing his annual study on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Meron Benvenisti called the new computer system "something that can develop into the ultimate police state."

By pooling data on everything from property taxes to political attitudes, Israeli clerks "can with just the push of button deny someone a motor vehicle license for political reasons," said Mr. Benvenisti, whose studies are funded by the U.S. Ford and Rockefeller foundations.

Mr. Benvenisti said the new computer system was a latest example of how Israel was tightening its grip on the occupied territories with U.S. backing. He called it "a sure recipe for eternal

strife" in the Middle East. Israel began installing the \$8.5 million system in August. It will take five years to complete, Mr. Benvenisti and military officials said.

A senior Israeli army official denied in an interview with AP that the computers would be used to increase military control of the Palestinians. He said the system would instead "help" Arabs living under Israeli occupation by improving government services.

But Mr. Benvenisti said the system amounted to "centralised population control" in the occupied territories.

The 87-page report also documents increased Israeli economic repression in the West Bank and Gaza through the failure to invest all taxes paid by Palestinians in services in their towns and villages.

"The Palestinians paid an \$80

Grenade hurled at Israelis

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli troops imposed a curfew around the military administration building in the occupied West Bank city of Ramallah on Thursday after a hand grenade exploded nearby, an army spokesman said.

The grenade, hurled at the building, caused no injuries or damage, he said.

A driver was slightly injured near Nablus when a stone was thrown at his military vehicle. One arrest was made.

Earlier, Israeli troops shot and wounded a 75-year-old Palestinian woman as she sat outside the entrance to her home in the occupied Gaza Strip, the army and a hospital spokesman said.

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Chad and Libya declare truce

N'DJAMENA (R) — Chad and Libya declared a truce on Friday in their war over a strip of desert in their border area.

The ceasefire, prompted by appeals from the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), leaves Libya in possession of Aouzou, the administrative centre of the barren, disputed region. Chad captured the town on Aug. 8 but lost it again 20 days later.

The truce was proclaimed first and in broader terms by Chad, which said in a statement that it accepted the OAU call for a ceasefire, effective on Friday morning.

Libya, speaking through its official news agency, JANA, said a few hours later that in response to calls from the OAU it would "stop all its air raids inside Chad territory."

Because Libya insists that it owns the Aouzou strip, the Tripoli announcement did not promise to stop fighting inside the disputed zone. But, with Libya holding Aouzou, it seemed that if both sides honoured their pledges fighting would stop.

Both sides fixed the ceasefire for 1000 GMT — 11 a.m. in N'djamena and noon in Tripoli, which, as JANA pointed out, was

the hour of Friday prayers. Chad requested an urgent meeting of an OAU committee set up to try to settle the territorial quarrel.

It said the ceasefire would become meaningless unless it led to a quick and definite solution.

Muddle in the 1930s over a treaty between France and Italy, the colonial powers in the area, left the independent states which followed them at odds over the ownership of 114,000 square kilometres of remote desert.

Libya occupied Aouzou for 14 years until it was held briefly by the Chadians in August.

LONDON (Agencies) — Britain has agreed to protect two Dutch minesweepers being sent to the Gulf, the Defence Ministry said on Friday.

platform because then it may have activated the Warsaw Pact, turning the whole thing into an East-West question," the foreign minister said.

Shultz, Shevardnadze to discuss Gulf war

Ransom freed Schmidt

Magazine says

"I don't know that that's the case," Mr. Redman said of the suggestion that the Soviets are trying to mediate. "I doubt it, in fact. We do know that the Arab League delegation that is there has made clear that its intention is to enlist support for enforcement measures," he added.

U.S., Israeli books seized at Moscow fair

since the
n in July.

Israeli government

TEL AVIV (R) — Amiram Nir, a key Israeli figure in the Iran arms scandal, was removed on

At the time of the changeover, U.S.-Israeli relations were under heavy strain as details of Israel's

dealer
Nir as the man who initiated the transfer of proceeds from the arms sales to the Nicaraguan government.

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16:50 Scientific programme for children	
17:20 Little Princess	
17:50 Documentary	
18:10 Arabic series	
19:05 Message from Iraq	
19:15 Local family programme	
19:50 Programme review	
20:00 News in Arabic	
20:40 Arabic series	
21:35 Seminar on local issues	
22:00 Tomorrow's programme	
22:10 Arabic play	
22:30 News Summary in Arabic	
22:10 Play comm.	
PROGRAMME TWO		
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19:00 (documentary)	
19:15 News in French	
19:30 French Varieties	
19:50 News in Hebrew	
20:30 News in Arabic	
20:50 Together We Stand	
21:00 Wild Flower	
21:30 Saturday	
21:40 News in English	
22:20 Feature film: "The Outsider"	
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12:00 Press Review
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1:50 Radio
2:00 music for the Sun King
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*** An exhibition of plastic art by**
Mohammad Al Kasmari at the Hous-
ing Bank Gallery (until Sept. 15).

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Jordan's Faculty of Engineering and
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French franc	36.2/ 37.1
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Japanese yen (for 100) ...	237.8/ 242.5
Swedish crown	53.3/ 54.1
Swiss franc	226.9/ 230.7
U.K. sterling pound	256.2/ 265.6
U.S. dollar	339.7/ 343.8
W. German mark	187.9/ 190.9

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ROYAL JORDANIAN FLIGHTS
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Upper/lower price in fils per kg.	Mallow	70 / 40
Apple (local)	Marrow	280 / 200
Banana	Onion	280 / 300
Beef	Onion (dry)	140 / 100

Banana (musaenan)	300 / 340	Orange	500 / 400
Beetroot	200 / 180	Onion	540 / 280
Cabbage	150 / 100	Okra	500 / 200
Cauliflower	240 / 180	Pears	240 / 180
Cucumbers	260 / 200	Pepper (hot)	240 / 180
Dates	220 / 120	Pepper (sweet)	160 / 100
Eggplant (large)	150 / 100	Plums	250 / 150
Eggplant (small)	220 / 130	Potatoes	240 / 160
Figs	330 / 250	Pumpkins	200 / 250
Grapes (black)	100 / 600	Radicish	140 / 100
Grapes (white)	200 / 250	Spinach	230 / 200
Grapes (black)	250 / 200	Squash	200 / 180
Onions	150 / 100	Sweetcorn	500 / 120
Oranges	500 / 400	Tomatoes	120 / 70

Murderer arrested at Syrian border

IRBID (J.T.) — Samir Mohammad Al Ahmad, who murdered an elderly couple in Irbid two weeks ago, has been arrested on the Jordanian-Syrian border checkpoint of Al Ramtha, minutes before he attempted to flee to Damascus.

Samir Ahmad, who was stopped at Al Ramtha at 10:00 p.m. on Wednesday, admitted to the police that he shot dead his 85-year-old grandparents after he stole from them JD 600.

According to Brigadier Abdul Rahman Al Edwan, chief of the Irbid police, the murderer confessed that he buried his grandparents beneath a sand in the courtyard of their house after he shot each of them in the head with a shotgun on Aug. 29.

Addressing a press conference on Thursday, Brig. Edwan said the murder of the grandfather was discovered last Thursday after citizens in the area of the house complained of a bad smell coming out from their neighbours' house.

The body of his grandfather was found last Friday, after the police conducted a second search following a similar complaint over a foul smell from neighbours in the area of the Irbid refugee camp.

He said that after thorough investigation with relatives of the murdered, and talking to neighbours, the police suspected Mr. Ahmad sent orders for his arrest to all police forces and departments throughout the Kingdom.

Commerce group urges economic measures

TAFLEH (Petra) — The Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce (FJCC) has urged the government to embark on a number of activities to help stimulate the national economy.

FJCC President Hamdi Al Tabbaa told a meeting in Tafleah that he hopes the government will allow merchants to trade freely in a number of basic commodities which monopolised by the public sector at present, and will reduce taxes imposed on companies and individuals.

He said that any measures aimed at reincorporating public companies and organisations into the private sector, as well promoting investment in the country, will also help in this endeavour.

Mr. Tabbaa was addressing a FJCC board meeting which was

attended by the Tafleah governor and local officials on Thursday. He paid tribute to measures undertaken by the government to stimulate activity in the economic sector, in addition to measures taken to combat inflation.

Despite these measures he said Jordan's economy still faces certain problems, which are also affecting the entire Arab region. Mr. Tabbaa cited as examples, regression in economic activity in the Arab World, the decline in the price of crude oil, and the price of the dollar, as well as the decline in Arab countries' financial aid to Jordan.

During the session, the board discussed issues pertaining to chambers of commerce activity in Zarqa and Irbid among other topics.

Soviet official to visit, discuss U.N., relations

AMMAN (J.T.) — Dr. Oleg Peresypkin, member of the Soviet Foreign Ministry's Higher Committee and president of the Diplomatic Studies Academy will arrive here on Tuesday, Sept. 15 on a few-day visit to Jordan.

During his visit, Dr. Peresypkin will meet with a number of Jordanian officials, and hold talks and consultations on agenda of the forthcoming session of the United Nations General Assembly. He will also discuss bilateral relations and issues of mutual interest to Jordan and the Soviet Union.

Jordanian-Syrian accord referred to parliament

AMMAN (J.T.) — The government has referred an agreement with Syria on exploitation of the Yarmouk River waters to Parliament for discussion and approval.

The government, which earlier endorsed the agreement, requested that the subject be given priority in parliamentary discussions. Parliament, which was recessed last month, normally opens ordinary sessions on Oct. 1.

The agreement, signed by

Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and his Syrian counterpart, Abdul Ra'ouf Al Kasbi on Sept. 3, provides for Jordan to construct a dam near Al Maqarin station to utilise water from the Yarmouk River. The dam will hold back water to irrigate lands and generate power on both sides of the common border, where the river is located.

Official sources told the Jordan Times that the project is estimated to cost JD 80 million.

Rifai favours UNICEF's request to make regional office permanent

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai has acceded in principle to a request by the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) to change its temporary regional office in Amman to a permanent one, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said on Thursday.

In February 1984, the UNICEF regional office for the Middle East and North Africa was transferred from Beirut to Amman, due to the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and the continued fighting between the various factions, according to UNICEF's regional information and communication officer, Suha Majdalani.

Amman was selected as the location for UNICEF's regional office in view of the country's unique location within the Arab World, the stability and security the Kingdom enjoys, and because it provides easy access to services and communications.

The office, operated by a 48-member staff, serves Cyprus, Djibouti, Iran, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Libya, and Syria. Ms. Majdalani said. In addition, the

work of UNICEF in Aden, Algiers, Ankara, Cairo, Khartoum, Muscat, Rabat, Riyadh, Abu Dhabi, Sanaa, and Tunis will be done in coordination and consultation with the regional office, she noted.

"All of UNICEF's programmes are related to the health and well being of the child," Ms. Majdalani said, adding that UNICEF was mainly involved in child survival and development programmes which include immunisation, oral rehydration, breast feeding, and growth monitoring.

Afro-Arab medical congress ends after extensive discussion

By Nermeen Murad Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The first Afro-Arab Congress for Gastroenterology and Liver Diseases ended here Friday after discussions among participating doctors on innovative methods used in fighting these diseases, and the latest in surgical sciences.

The congress held its last seminar to approve a working plan aimed at improving the level of surgical sciences in Jordan. Participating in the seminar were several Jordanian surgeons, hospital directors, officials, and representatives of authorities concerned with the medical sector in the Kingdom.

Participants discussed the main working paper that was presented by prominent Jordanian neurosurgeon Salah Salah who also chaired the seminar. The paper dealt with "the philosophy of the subject and the gradual steps for the implementation of the programme."

There was an agreement among participants that the programme would begin by gathering necessary information in the field of surgical sciences, analysing the information, and then issuing recommendations that will be implemented in the various hospitals and medical institutions.

A sub-committee was then formed to begin work on the programme and present its report to President of the Society of Surgeons Dr. Ahmad Salaman

within the next few months. Members of the different delegations expressed their gratitude to the organisers of the congress.

Dr. Zaki Al Deen, president of the Sudanese Society for Gastroenterology, expressed thanks to the Jordanian government for its support of the Sudanese people by establishing a fully-equipped and staffed hospital in the city of Kass, in the western part of Sudan.

Dr. Sulaiman Saleh Fadheel, associate professor of medicine of Khartoum University, praised the organisation and preparation of the congress in Amman and thanked the Ministry of Health for sending a special medical team to Sudan to help in rural areas.

Dr. Abdel Rahman Alziadi, professor of gastroenterology and liver diseases at the University of Ein Shams in Cairo, stressed the importance of the congress as "it served to bring sixteen countries together to study the most important diseases that befall their people to allow younger doctors to learn through the continuous medical advancement and widen their scientific horizons." He described the congress as "a window through which doctors are able to view the world and learn about what is happening in their fields."

Since the congress convened on Wednesday, there have been different papers discussed on the

subjects of hepatitis B viral infection, schistosomiasis and varices, and gastrointestinal and esophageal varices.

On Thursday, the congress discussed the bleeding ulcer, the role of surgery in treatment of the disease, and the risk factors involved. There were also papers on the peptic ulcer disease in Arabs, which involved a study of 650 cases, and concentrated on the location, cause, and treatment of recurrent peptic ulcers. In addition, papers were presented on the treatment of peptic ulcers in different hospitals in Arab and African countries.

Also on Thursday, papers were presented by Dr. A. Bashir from Jordan on the endoscopic management of obstructive jaundice induced by various parasites, and gallbladder disease in 302 Jordanians.

Two other papers were presented by doctors from Jordan; one dealt with histological study of gallbladder disease; another, with transduodenal sphincteroplasty for biliary tract disease. Two more papers on infections were presented by doctors from Jordan; one dealing with susceptibility of campylobacter pyloridis killing by human polymorphs and human pooled serum; while another dealt with human salmonellosis in Jordan.

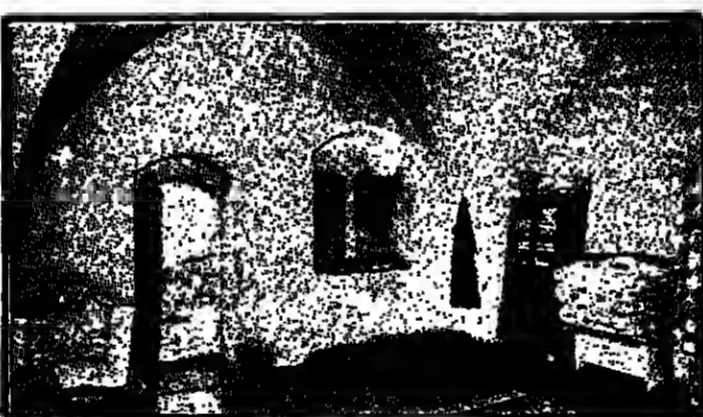
Dr. Ziad Sharaiha held a panel discussion on maintenance therapy in chronic duodenal ulcer patients.

Restoration completion celebrated in Umm Qais

UMM QAIS (J.T.) — A reception was held on Friday in Bait Melkawi, Umm Qais, to celebrate the completion of its restoration.

Bait Melkawi is one of several Arab homes under restoration by the German Protestant Institute for Archaeology, which has been working on the project for the past years.

The homes in the area date back to the Ottoman period, according to reliable sources. They are located close to Umm Qais (Gadara), where excavations were being held in cooperation with the Department of Antiquities.



An interior view of Bait Melkawi, Umm Qais; the completion of the home's restoration was celebrated on Friday.

National Aid Fund has helped 60,000

AMMAN (J.T.) — The National Aid Fund (NAF) has announced that it spent JD 1,046,356 during the first half of 1987 for the benefit of 10,000 needy families, numbering nearly 60,000 people.

A statement on Friday said that the NAF's board held a meeting Thursday under the chairmanship of Minister of Labour and Social Development Khaled Haj Hassan to review the fund's activities and to study a financial report and statement on the expenses.

The money was given to needy and poor families, and also in the form of urgent assistance to handicapped people, the statement said.

NAF's expenditures, the statement said, went to needy people for opening small

businesses, like small shops, farms, maintenance workshops, and for those in need of hearing aids or eyeglasses.

The board discussed a study being conducted by a ministry team to define the level of poverty in Jordan.

While addressing the meeting, Mr. Haj Hassan said that once the study has been completed by the middle of the coming year, it will serve as a basis for the NAF's future programmes. The government has allocated JD 70,000 for the study, which is being divided

into three categories: abject poverty requiring basic aid; a determination of the poverty line; and the volume of aid needed.

The meeting also discussed organisational matters related to the collection of contributions. In addition, the minister requested that all NAF offices around the country urge members of the public to help support the fund's endeavours.

Last July, the NAF's board announced that an average of JD 200,000 are being spent monthly on the improvement of living conditions of needy people in the Kingdom. The government established the NAF last year and allocated an initial sum of JD 1.5 million to offer assistance to the needy.

Consulting firm, JVA sign contract for feasibility studies on dams

AMMAN (J.T.) — The American international consultancy firm HARZA has signed a contract with the Jordan Valley Authority (JVA) for the preparation of feasibility studies on building dams to store rainwater for irrigation in the Jordan Valley region.

HARZA is conducting the studies in cooperation with the Jordanian consultancy firm Arab Tech.

The dams will be built on the wadis leading the Jordan Valley and the Jordan River.

According to JVA acting President Mohammad Bani Hani, a feasibility study on the project will be available by September 1988. Priorities for the construction process will be made in light of the study.

The feasibility studies will cost \$475,000, of which \$350,000 will be provided for by a grant from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Dr. Bani Hani noted.

In accordance with the agreement, dams will be built on the

Wadi Al Yabis, to store up to seven million cubic metres of water and feed the King Abdullah (East Ghor) Canal in summer, on Wadi Kufumeh, to store another seven million cubic metres of water for irrigation, and the walls of the Al Kufra dam will be raised.

The agreement was signed by Dr. Bani Hani, representatives of HARZA and Arab Tech, Mr. R. Johnson, USAID deputy director, and Mr. Zafar Al Alem, JVA deputy president.

Khayyat to hold talks in Baghdad

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat will travel to Baghdad on Monday for a several-day official visit.

An announcement in Amman said that the minister will hold talks with his Iraqi counterpart, Mr. Abdullah Abbas, on a number of issues pertaining to religious affairs, and will sign an agreement with him to launch bilateral cooperation in the field of 'Da'wa'.

According to the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, the agreement will cover, among other things, an exchange of regulations for managing the estates owned by the ministries of Awqaf in both countries.

The agreement, the ministry said in a statement, will also provide for holding joint Islamic seminars, organising religious exhibitions for displaying publications and religious books, and joint television and radio programmes on Islamic culture.

UNRWA accepts aid for new health centre

AMMAN (Petra) — The United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) has received financial donations to help build facilities for its centres in Jordan.

An UNRWA source said that the Refugee Affairs Council in Denmark has made a donation of \$275,000, which will be used to build a health centre in the Jerash refugee camp to offer medical

services to the camp residents. It said that work on the centre will begin next year.

UNRWA said that the Near East Church Council has donated \$5,834 to build a dentistry unit at UNRWA's centre in Amman. The council had earlier announced a contribution of \$3,390 towards setting up the dentistry unit.

Electricity authority bids to consult Mauritania

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) said in a statement Friday that, in cooperation with a Swiss firm, it has recently bid to offer consultancy services for the electrification of 13 cities in Mauritania.

A JEA team recently paid visits to Switzerland, Luxembourg, and Mauritania to discuss on the project with the Swiss international consultancy firm specialising in water and electric-

ity on the prospect of the joint scheme, the statement said.

It said that detailed studies were made by all parties concerned, and an agreement has been finalised for the official signing.

According to the statement, a JEA team had toured Mauritania to survey regions where the project will be implemented, and to brief officials on JEA's power system.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Royal Decrees endorse new ambassadors

AMMAN (Petra) — A Royal Decree has been issued endorsing the appointment of Walid Majed Al Sa'ad Al Bataineh as extraordinary ambassador to the People's Republic of China. Before this recent appointment, Mr. Bataineh was Jordan's ambassador to Yugoslavia. Mr. Bataineh replaces Mr. Kamal Hmoud. Another Royal Decree has been issued appointing Hani Tubbarah as extraordinary ambassador to Yugoslavia. Mr. Tubbarah was Jordan's ambassador to Turkey before being transferred to Yugoslavia.

Cabinet approves companies for projects

AMMAN (Petra) — The Cabinet has approved a recommendation by the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply, Investment Encouragement Committee to consider 18 new Jordanian companies as economic projects and, consequently, to grant them the exemptions provided for in the Law on Encouragement of Investment.

Military governor endorses verdict

AMMAN (Petra) — Military governor has endorsed the military court's verdict, sentencing Sayyed Hussein Awad to one and a half months in prison after convicting him of offering bribe to a public servant, who refused it.

Ambassador to Oman received by minister

OMAN (Petra) — Omani Deputy Prime Minister for Financial and Economic Affairs Qais Al Zawawi Thursday received Jordan's ambassador to Oman, Nayef Al Hadid, who conveyed to him a verbal message from Prime Minister Zaid Rifai. The message deals with bilateral relations.

Council chief to lead security talks

AMMAN (Petra) — Secretary-General of the Arab Interior Ministers Council Akram Nasha'at Ibrahim is here to take part in the 12th meeting of Arab police and public security directors, due to be held here on Tuesday. Dr. Nasha'at was received upon arrival by Director of Amman Police Major General Nasouh Muhieddine and Colonel Yusef Gharaiebeh, director of the Arab Office for Combatting Narcotics.

Jordan to take part in resource council

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources will take part in the ministerial council meetings of the Arab Organisation for Mineral Resources. An announcement from the ministry said that Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Hisham Khatib will take part in the meeting which will be held on Oct. 2.

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Egypt's white gold is now just plain cotton

By Bahgat Badie
Reporter

CAIRO — Once revered as "white gold" and a harbinger of good times, Egypt's cotton now brings little more than hard work and low profit to the Nile farmer.

A bumper cotton harvest 40 years ago could mean a new autumn bride for a man or new clothes and luxuries for the family — perhaps even a circus trip to town for the children.

For older farmers, autumn cotton markets paid for rare city delights in the shops and nightclubs of Cairo or Alexandria.

But the good times died 35 years ago when land reforms passed by Gamel Abdul Nasser's revolutionary government cut private holdings to 50 acres and introduced cotton-growing quotas.

"Cotton is no longer the white gold it was before the 1952 army revolution," lamented Hassan Ali Magdoub, who farms in a remote village near the Nile delta town of Tanta.

Producers grumble that the government pays low prices for cotton and that the state system has backfired.

"It's a lot of hard work yielding very little profit to the farmers," agreed agriculture ministry official Yassin Osman.

Cotton farming is costly. Over eight months of growth it needs more labour, insecticides and aerial spraying than most other crops, a farmer explained. The end result is a net profit of \$145 per acre.

Farmers are unimpressed by goods sold to them through a state marketing system, by free water, subsidised seeds, pesticides and fertilisers or by low-interest loans.

State-fixed prices and quotas halved land under cotton to one million acres but new modern methods kept the yield high.

Farmers paid fines or went to prison rather than sell their crops at a loss, Agriculture Minister Youssef Wali told parliament last month.

Millions of rural peasants

sought work in booming oil states or in the teeming streets of Cairo, filling the capital to bursting point and creating a manpower crisis on the farms.

The government now fixes what it deems to be fair prices. Cotton is still the biggest commodity export, as it has been since it was introduced to Egypt over a century ago.

Egypt, whose other main sources of income are the Suez Canal, oil, and money from workers abroad, earned about \$400 million from cotton exports in 1986 and expects more from the bumper harvest forecast for this year.

Farmers send cotton to about 2,200 collecting centres and the state buys it after it is graded by a government expert.

"If the farmer disagrees with the grading he has one option — an appeal to an arbitration committee whose decision is final. Surprisingly, Egypt also imports cotton. Its own crop is very high quality and it buys a cheaper type from America for domestic tex-

tile factories, \$47 million worth in 1986 and an expected \$22 million worth this year.

Highly-prized Egyptian cotton is sold to Europe and the United States.

In September and October, a million youngsters cut classes to work removing the main pest, the cotton worm, from the crop. The education ministry complains, while the agriculture ministry pleads for the start of the academic year to be delayed.

An abnormal heatwave this summer has inhibited cotton worm infestation, boosting the crop to bumper levels, farmers say.

The crop is harvested under the watchful eyes of state officials who ensure that no cotton is smuggled to the local market for higher prices than the government pays.

"Our immediate problem now is the manpower shortage," a farmer said. "There are machines to harvest wheat and rice, but none has yet been marketed to collect cotton."

China's 1st polling company probes public opinion

By Jim Abrams
The Associated Press

BEIJING — China's first opinion polling organisation has found that the Chinese are ready to speak their mind, and not always to the government's liking.

Since its formation last October, China Social Survey has conducted major opinion polls on economic and political reforms. It has also delved into market research, examining consumer tastes in refrigerators and other household goods.

"By random surveys, we can express many ideas to our leaders," said Du Yan, director of China Social Survey. "It is better than staging demonstrations."

Du said opinion polls "couldn't be imagined 10 years ago," when people still feared immediate reprisals for questioning the government line.

But today, as China shifts to a more market-oriented economy, "leaders want to know what people think. Our services are needed so as to eliminate shock to society in making policies."

Du stressed that the polls show strong backing for the government's reform policies, but said they also turned up pockets of the disaffected.

While two-thirds in a May-June poll said economic reforms were going in the right direction, 15 per cent said they were dissatisfied. They expressed concern about loss of job security and guaranteed health care, rising prices and a growing gap between the rich and the poor as China switches to a commodity-based economy.

Only 56.6 per cent said they were satisfied with their current financial situation.

Three-fourths in a July poll on political reform said they were satisfied with their political rights, but there was overwhelming support for greater reforms aimed at reducing bureaucracy and separating the functions of the party and those running the economy.

Each poll canvassed about 2,500 people by mail and home visit. Du said the respondents were randomly selected and

assured that their answers would be anonymous.

"No one will know what individuals replied. We don't know," he said.

Another survey of 2,000 industrial managers revealed that while most were optimistic about the future, 80 per cent complained about outside obstacles to smooth production.

Managers said they were shackled by shortages of electricity, raw materials, equipment and funds.

China Social Survey is under the auspices of the state commission for restructuring the economic system and now has a regular staff of 60 with 200 volunteers nationwide.

Du said the organisation is paid separately for each poll it conducts. It is now a non-profit operation, charging only a service fee. But its leaders have visions of converting it into a money-making business under future reforms that will allow, or force, enterprises to pay their own way and give them a share in any profits.

He said the results of the polls are immediately released to the press, which is state-run and not obliged to print poll results. The only results withheld from the press are consumer surveys, because of their competitive nature.

Du added. With the introduction of profit motives, companies that commission market research polls about consumer tastes might want to use the findings to their own advantage in order to outsell rival makers.

While China Social Survey is the only company devoted solely to taking polls, opinion surveys are increasingly common as the Communist Party tries harder to meet, rather than dictate, popular needs.

A state statistical bureau survey of 17,000 urban families found 61 per cent had washing machines and 26 per cent colour televisions, but only 30 per cent have private toilets.

A Beijing city poll found that 64 per cent disapproved of premarital sex, down from 80 per cent in 1982.

Tourists bare all on Yugoslavian beaches

By Vjekoslav Radovic
Reporter

ADA NA BOJANI, Yugoslavia — "You can't come here improperly dressed. Take your clothes off or leave," an angry waiter told me as I tried to interview diners at a terrace cafe.

Getting undressed was the only way to feel welcome in Ada Na Bojani, one of about 30 nudist complexes that are luring tourists from all over Europe and North America to Yugoslavia's Adriatic coast.

Recent official figures show 20 per cent of the eight million foreign tourists coming annually to Yugoslavia strip of to savour the warm sands, crystal waters and sunshine.

Engulfed by the green waters of the Bojana River delta to the north and south, and the blue Adriatic to the west, Ada boasts a 3,800 metre beach running all the way to the border of Yugoslavia's isolated, buttoned-up neighbour Albania.

Interviewees were shy — no photographs and no surnames. "We are naturists, not exhibitionists," a blonde Austrian from Linz called Inge told Reuters. She was visiting Ada for the third time with her boyfriend.

"Why go nude? Why, it's most natural. Were you born with your clothes on?" replied a middle-aged and overweight German woman, unabashed about showing her wrinkles.

"Why do the most intimate parts of your body deserve to be kept imprisoned and hidden?" she added.

The International Naturism Federation counts Yugoslavia as one of Europe's top bare-all countries, along with West Germany. The federation groups together some 30 national associations and 800 clubs from around the world, claiming four million members.

But it reckons most nudists don't enroll and estimates there are 30 million naturists in the world.

It was not until the start of a tourist boom in the early 1960s that the Yugoslav Communist authorities let the first proper nudist colonies be established on the Adriatic peninsula of Istria, in Vrsar and Rovinj.

Now the 2,000-kilometre Yugoslavian coast, indented with discreet little bays, is dotted with sites reserved for naturists.

The biggest are at Koversada in Ursar, the world's second largest, at Medulin near Pula, and here at Ada Na Bojani.

"There are plenty of fig trees here but no one bothers to tear off a leaf," a Yugoslav tourism guide joked.

Yugoslavia earned \$1.3 billion

from tourism last year and it hopes to top \$1.6 billion in 1987. "We could earn far more if so many of our tourists weren't walking around without official."

But Dragan Radinovic, chief receptionist on Ada said naturists stay longer than other tourists and spend lavishly.

Ada's 1,000-bed hotel complex is fully booked from April to October, he said. There is also a campsite big enough for 300 caravans.

Most of the naturists come from West Germany, Austria, The Netherlands, Italy and Sweden, but the number of Americans has increased, Radinovic said.

"It's mostly families with kids, and couples. Half return year after year. There are hardly any singles," he said.

The nudists entertain themselves with dancing, horse riding, fishing, yachting, surfing or picnics, said Radinovic.

Faced with a severe economic crisis, runaway 105 per cent inflation and a \$20 billion foreign debt, Yugoslavia has opened its borders wide to foreign tourists.



JUMBO TRACTOR: The PTS 1 tractor built by Krauss-Maffei in Munich to a Lufthansa design saves kerosene and is easier on the environment than taxiing aircraft round busy runways. It can tow a fully-laden Jumbo jet with ease to its starting position on the runway at Frankfurt international airport, Federal Republic of Germany (Photo: DAD/Deutsche Lufthansa AG)

JTV Channel 2 Preview

Sat — Sept. 12, 1987

8:30 Together We Stand

9:00 Sat. Variety Show

10:20 Feature Film
Sex and the Married Woman
Starring: Joanna Pettet
Barry Newman

This is a comedy film about a married lady who writes a book about her life.

Sun — Sept. 13, 1987

8:30 Charles in Charge

9:10 The Baby Business

One part special documentary. This Special examines the problems of infertility and the new options available through revolutionary medical advances. The profound legal, moral and ethical questions of surrogate motherhood are also explored.

10:20 Hunter

11:10 Open All Hours

Mon — Sept. 14, 1987

8:30 Allo Allo

9:10 Mountain Men

10:20 The Love Boat

Tue — Sept. 15, 1987

8:30 Double Trouble

(Dream Girls)
A hot rock star offers Kate a job and the chance to go on tour with

him — an opportunity sister Allison fears will leave her alone in New York and separate the twins for the first time in their lives.

9:10 Magnum

10:20 'The Scarlett O'Hara War'
David Selznick buys the rights to "Gone With The Wind" and signs Clark Gable as Rhett Butler. But, his search to cast the lead of Scarlett O'Hara creates a disease — "Scarlett Fever" — that sweeps Hollywood and the country.

Wed — Sept. 16, 1987

8:30 Don't Wait Up

9:10 Doc — The Silk Road

Two Roads to the Pamirs
With Changan now a long way behind, the coverage team starts on the last leg of its trip. At Suoche (Yarkand), the road splits into two directions, one is the new road and the other the old road, both leading to Tashkurgan. The trip along the old road will take us into the ancient Silk Road, while the trip on the new road will reveal the Silk Road of today, as represented by the China-Pakistan Trade Fair at the town of Kashgar. The programme introduces the rich nomadic life and folk music and dances of tribesmen who live deep in the Asian continent, and will depict the Silk Road that continues to thrive in the present-day world. Yes, the Silk Road is still alive and thriving!

10:20 The Rhinemann Exchange
Bestseller
Starring: Stephen Collins
Lauren Hutton



Inside Story: Friday at 10:20

Roddy McDowall
John Huston
Jose Ferrer
Vince Edwards

During World War II, American agent David Spaulding (Stephen Collins) is ordered to attempt a highly treasonous exchange of American diamonds (needed by German rocket scientists) for a German gyroscope system which is vital to American bombers for the invasion of Europe. His mission is complicated by his involvement with Leslie Hawkwood (Lauren Hutton), a society playgirl whom he suspects is involved in an attempt to sabotage his mission.

9:10 Play:
Not That Kind of People

10:20 Feature Film
Smugglers
Starring: Shirley Booth
Carol Lynley
Kurt Kinsner
Two American tourists in Europe (Miss Booth and Miss Lynley) who are used as decoys by an international smuggling operation.

Fri — Sept. 18, 1987

8:30 Bill Cosby Show

9:10 Falcon Crest

10:20 Inside Story

Thur — Sept. 17, 1987

8:30 Kate and Allie

Japan joins world hunt for elusive quark

By Mari Taketa
The Associated Press

TSUKUBA SCIENCE CITY, Japan — In silver tunnels beneath Japanese pines, scientists spin atoms at close to the speed of light.

They are in a worldwide, multi-billion-dollar race to find a particle that has eluded the best minds and machines in the United States, Europe, China and the Soviet Union.

The particle sought in Japan's \$700-million super collider and super colliders elsewhere is the last of the six subatomic particles.

Whoever finds it first can expect a glimpse of a tidbit locked inside the structure of the atom, more insight into nature's blueprint, and, just perhaps, a Nobel Prize in physics.

"Our senses delve smaller and smaller," said physicist Sadaharu Uehara. "Now we can recognise the smaller units of matter in nature. We want to know why they exist, and what forces govern them."

Scientists say all matter is made up of quarks and leptons, which make up atoms that combine to become oceans, stars, human beings. They have found the leptons and think nature made six quarks, but so far have discovered only five.

Scientists name each quark according to its characteristics. Those who found the fourth quark, the charm, won the Nobel physics prize. But the discoverers of the fifth, the bottom, went unnoticed by the Nobel committee. With a worldwide hunt on for the sixth, top quark, it is difficult to say whether discovery will bring the prize.

Years from now the information Japan's super collider Tristan

yields could do man some good, scientists here say, but not now. They have yet to understand the fundamentals of quarks and other subatomic particles, let alone harness their power.

Uehara is part of the 350-man team that monitors Tristan, which began running in May. The two-mile ring lies 35 feet under the countryside an hour from Tokyo on the outskirts of the government's science enclave.

Tsukuba Science City is home to 6,000 scientists and 46 research laboratories, but its prime attraction is the accelerator and complex of offices and labs built to service it.

About as big around as a roll of paper towels, the accelerator ring runs through a subway-size tunnel, surrounded by particle-guiding magnets.

Its main job is to unleash elementary particles by smashing electrons and positrons head-on from opposite directions at 99.9999999999 per cent the speed of light.

Nearby, a "particle factory" makes electrons and positrons and injects them into a smaller ring, where they whirl around, building up to millions of electron volts of energy before being

pulsed into Tristan — electrons in one direction and positrons in the other. Magnets draw the beams on until they crash at 25 billion electron volts each, producing a 50-billion electron volt collision.

About 20 times a day, once in every 750 million or so collisions, computer screens in the underground laboratories show an "event" — a blossoming of spirals that trace the paths of fragments bursting free.

Uehara and others watch the screens for eight-hour stretches, 24 hours a day, hoping for hints of undiscovered tidbits. It takes greater and greater energies to create successive quarks. If at some energy level the rate of events suddenly rises, they will know they have found the sixth quark.

In between, they may take a bit of time for jogs around the complex at more leisurely speeds than the particles coursing beneath their feet.

The Japanese have reason to hurry. Tristan is now the world's pre-eminent electron-positron collider, but it will soon be eclipsed by other, stronger machines.

In about a year, Stanford University in California will complete

a more powerful electron-positron accelerator, and the European Organisation for Nuclear Research in Geneva a stronger one by 1989.

Fermilab in Batavia, Illinois, is the world's most powerful proton collider, with energies higher than Tristan's, but the research director for Tristan, Ken Kikuchi, says detecting quarks in the greater debris of proton-antiproton collisions is "like trying to find a diamond in a huge amount of junk."

Within 10 years, pending approval from Congress, the United States plans the absolute giant among the world's atom smashers — the 53-mile superconducting super collider (SSC), to be built at a cost of \$4.4 billion.

The SSC will be a proton smasher capable of energy levels reaching 20 trillion electron volts, 20 times more powerful than Fermilab. Scientists say collisions of such incredible intensity will approximate the big bang, the explosion that created the universe, and inevitably produce the sixth quark and other particles.

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3,000 athletes seek glory at 10th Mediterranean Games in Latakia

Albania fields a team for the first time in the games history

LATAKIA, Syria (Agencies) — Athletes from 18 countries embark on a quest for glory on Saturday when competition opens in the 10th Mediterranean Games.

Minister of Youth Eid Dahiyat attended the opening ceremony, held at the Syrian sports city of Latakia.

The minister, who arrived in Damascus Thursday, expressed his happiness at attending the opening ceremony and paid tribute to Jordanian-Syrian cooperation in sports. The minister is accompanied on the visit by Mr. Mohammad Jamil Abul Tayyeh, director general of the Jordanian Youth Organisation.

The opening ceremony was

held Friday under the patronage of Syrian President Hafez Al Assad.

The two-week games start with preliminary rounds of the volleyball, tennis, swimming, diving and gymnastics events.

The men's and women's basketball tournaments kick off in Aleppo on Sunday with European champions Greece, Spain and Turkey likely to breeze past Tunisia, Syria and Lebanon in the men's competition.

The women's competition was

almost certain to be less exciting with Turkey expected to triumph over Albania, Syria and Lebanon, the only other participants.

The soccer tournament begins on September 15 with Morocco taking on Greece and Algeria clashing with France in group matches.

Other group matches will be held in Aleppo the following day with Turkey on Syria and Lebanon playing San Marino.

Morocco, surprise second-round qualifiers in last year's World Cup, and Algeria, another World Cup finalist, are allowed under international rules to field professional players in all tournaments.

The rule does not apply to

footballers from Europe and South America. But France won the 1983 Mediterranean Games with a second string squad and could retain the title.

In the swimming competition, Italy, Yugoslavia, France and Greece were expected to dominate other participants. Tunisia and Egypt, in view of their impressive showing in the African Games last month in Nairobi, could get among the medals.

Syrian swimmers have spent three months in East Germany to prepare for games, but were not thought likely to pull off any surprises.

France, Italy, Spain, Algeria and Morocco are the strongest contenders for the athletics glory when competition begins on Sept. 19.

World champion and 1,500 and 5,000 metres record holder Said Aouta of Morocco has arrived in Latakia, but it was not clear

whether he would compete.

The weightlifting and wrestling events seemed destined to be dominated by Egypt, Turkey, France, Greece and Italy.

Albania for the first time will participate in the two-week festival.

The Albanians, slowly easing out of their isolationist stance, will send a team to the games, the 10th since they started in Alexandria, Egypt, in 1951.

The games are being held in this port city, known to Syrians as their "bride of the coast," which has been extensively beautified in preparation for the games.

Buildings gleam in the Mediterranean sun with a fresh coat of white paint.

Friday's opening ceremony featured 20,000 Syrian youngsters carrying flags and streamers and colour cards to make up vast tableaux on one side of the stadium.

Some 3,000 athletes will participate in 18 sports during the games.

Syria says it is determined to make the games the most impressive ever.

Egypt, Spain, Lebanon, Italy, Tunisia, Turkey, Algeria, Yugoslavia and Morocco have hosted games, which are held every four years. Athens will host the 1991 games.

Despite over 10 years of civil war, Lebanon has raised a contingent of 162 athletes to compete in the games.

But little is expected in the way of glory.

Swedes set up U.S. Open semifinal clash

NEW YORK (R) — Third seed Mats Wilander patiently outlasted an error-prone Miloslav Mecir 6-3, 6-7, 6-4, 7-6 on Thursday night to reach the last four of the U.S. Open tennis tournament.

In Saturday's semifinals, Wilander was scheduled to face compatriot Stefan Edberg, the 21-year-old Australian Open champion who is seeded second in this tournament.

Edberg defeated Ramesh Krishnan of India, the only unseeded player to reach the quarter-finals, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2, a contest that was far closer than the score suggests.

The turning point came in the 38-point third game of the second set, when Edberg fought off seven game points and finally capitalised on his 10th break point to go 3-0 up. He never looked back.

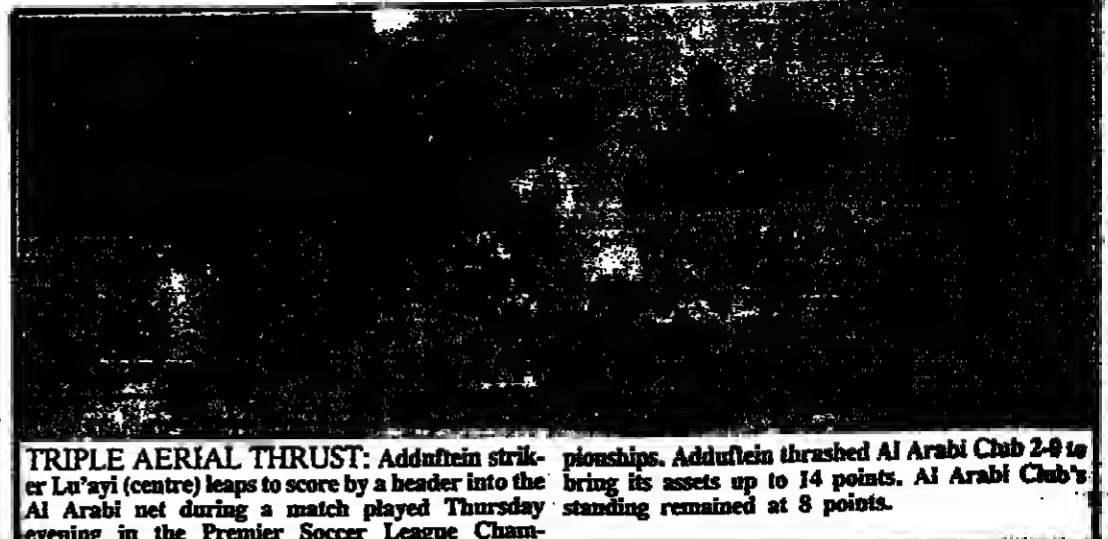
The three-and-a-half hour tussle between Wilander and fifth-seeded Mecir, last year's beaten finalist, was filled with lengthy baseline rallies as both players relied on finesse and shot placement rather than power.

Wilander abandoned his powerful two-handed backhand, which had been such a weapon in the early rounds. Instead he was content to patiently hit short slicing backhands from the baseline while waiting for the Czechoslovak to commit errors.

The strategy paid off, however, as a much less patient Mecir made 69 unforced errors.

Wilander was dangerous with his first serve, scoring with 11 aces, but Mecir was often able to control points on the Swede's weak second serve.

In the third and fourth sets, Mecir became more aggressive



TRIPLE AERIAL THRUST: Adduflin strike or Lu'ay (centre) leaps to score by a header into the goal. Adduflin thrashed Al Arabi Club 2-0 in a match played Thursday evening in the Premier Soccer League Championship. Adduflin's assets up to 14 points. Al Arabi Club's standing remained at 8 points.

Wanted English soccer fan jailed for 4 years

LIVERPOOL (Agencies) — An English soccer fan, wanted in Belgium on a manslaughter charge arising out of the 1985 Heysel Stadium riot, was jailed for four years Thursday for assaulting four people in a burger bar.

At Liverpool Crown Court, Anthony Hogan admitted one wounding and three assault charges arising out of an incident in downtown Liverpool in January.

But for Thursday's court appearance, Hogan, 24, would have been extradited to Belgium along with 25 other Liverpool fans, on manslaughter charges.

They stem from the May 1985 riot, in which 39 mostly Italian people died, before the Liverpool-Juventus European Champions' Cup final at the Heysel Stadium, Brussels.

The other 25 are being held in a Brussels jail awaiting trial.

The British Home Office said that Hogan would be surrendered to the Belgian authorities after he

had served his sentence. With full remission that would be after two years eight months.

Peter Smith, prosecutor at Liverpool Crown Court, said Hogan, who had been drinking, went into a railway station burger bar and took a cup of tea from another customer. When the waitress complained, he grabbed her face, squeezing her cheek, and said: "I'll come back and kill you."

Hogan then picked up a teenage street cleaner and threw him out of the burger bar, Smith said. When the teenager's friend intervened, Hogan hit him in the face, knocking him unconscious, and when police arrived, he struck one officer in the eye.

Inmates at two Brussels jails rioted earlier this week over reports of preferential prison treatment planned for the fans.

The justice ministry said in a statement that eight other people were slightly hurt at Merksplas, a semi-open prison where inmates are allowed out to work during the day. It said the cause of the riot was not known.

A ministry spokesman told Reuters the accused British fans, flown to Belgium on a military transport plane on Wednesday, had been transferred to the modern cells prepared for them at Louvain Central Prison outside Brussels.

He said the fans had been moved in small groups from the palace of justice after individual questioning by the magistrate investigating the Heysel disaster.

The operation appeared to have fooled journalists camped outside the law courts, who had been waiting for another large convoy of prison buses and police escorts.

The public prosecutor's office was due to reveal the preliminary charges filed by the magistrate for each of the Britons later on Thursday morning.

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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following were the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

One Sterling	1.6470/80	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.3190/3200	Canadian dollar
	1.8050/60	West German marks
	2.0320/30	Dutch guilders
	1.4930/40	Swiss francs
	37.53/56	Belgian francs
	6.0040/50	French francs
	1309/1310	Italian lira
	142.65/75	Japanese yen
	6.350/3740	Swedish crowns
	6.6375/6425	Norwegian crowns
	6.9800/75	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	459.50/460.00	U.S. dollars

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — U.K. shares eased quite sharply from their earlier slightly firmer levels in late trading, following news that the U.S. trade deficit in July had widened to a record \$16.47 billion from June's \$15.71 billion gap, dealers said.

The figure, which came slightly above most market expectations but below the more pessimistic forecasts, was welcomed by Wall Street which staged an opening 17-point rally. Dealers said the London market's apparently negative reaction to the news reflected a lack of interest at the end of the account.

The FTSE 100 share index at 1430 GMT Friday was down 6.4 points to 2,246.8 compared with a peak of 2,260.6 just before midday.

The dollar came under heavy selling pressure, falling around 1½ pennings, in immediate reaction to U.S. trade news but it soon stabilised on central bank intervention, dealers said.

However, most economists forecast that it would come under severe downward pressure next week.

They pointed out that part of Friday afternoon's equity decline stemmed from fears that if U.S. interest rates came under further upward pressure because of a weak dollar there may be a sympathetic increase in U.K. rates.

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Arguments are quite possible today, so be prepared to keep your cool. After you resolve these mishaps, there's a fine chance of finding yourself in a much improved situation.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) If you don't look at the matter objectively, an argument over finances can bring harsh words. Don't be stubborn.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Try not to make demands of others, even if you feel you have the right to do so. Avoid arguments, please.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) A personal anxiety could make you act in an unusual manner, so guard against this.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) You may be irked with a good friend, but don't react until you know exactly what is going on.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Be tactful in handling your activities today. Keep a promise you have made. Your benefits will abound finally.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) One who feels upset needs pacification, and you can provide it. It's not the right time to take that desired trip.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You have assumed an obligation that now seems difficult for you, but study it carefully and it will seem easy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A partner may be angry today. A situation seems to be very mixed up, but it soon will clear.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Your work duties have you confused, but maintain your poise. If a co-worker grumbles, leave this one alone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You are so eager for a good time and are not thinking wisely, so watch your wallet.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) If you are provoked at home, maintain your cool and don't flare up. Have some friends over tonight.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Care is needed in any kind of motion today. Make no aside remarks which you may regret later.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she, will have the ability to comprehend anything that has to do with money, business and other practical matters. The eagerness in this one to make money will cause your progeny to act too hastily, so teach this child to be more cooperative for better understanding.

FDIC rescues Texas bank

WASHINGTON (AP) — The

Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

(FDIC) announced on Thursday

a bailout package worth nearly \$1

billion to rescue the ailing First

City Bank Corp. of Texas.

The package is the second-

largest U.S. government bailout

of a bank after the 1984 rescue of

Continental Illinois National

Bank and Trust of Chicago.

First City, the fourth-largest

bank firm in Texas, had 62 banks

and \$12.2 billion in assets as of

June 30. Troubled by losses on

real estate and oil loans, the

holding company lost \$160.9 mil-

lion in the first six months of this

year and \$402 million in 1986.

The FDIC said the new owner

of the Houston-based bank is Mr.

A. Robert Abdo, former chair-

man of First Chicago Corp.

The assistance will take the

form of \$970 million in notes

from the FDIC, which will aid in

the purchase of the bank's \$1.79

billion in bad loans.

In addition to the FDIC notes,

\$500 million in new private capital

will be infused through a stock

offering. The share of the old

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Alfonsin raps IMF, demands

interest freeze on foreign debt

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina

(AP) — President Raul Alfonsin,

strongly criticising the Inter-

national Monetary Fund (IMF),

has demanded a freeze on the interest

Argentina pays on its \$53 billion

foreign debt.

Argentina pays at least \$4 bil-

lion a year interest on its foreign

debt, the third-largest in the de-

veloping world behind Brazil and

Mexico. Brazil similarly put a

freeze on payments of the interest

portion of its foreign debt earlier

this year.

President Alfonsin said, "we

will not allow the International

Monetary Fund to continue

trying to apply ridiculous pre-

scriptions that have nothing to do

with the people."

He charged that the IMF, with

what he called restrictive econo-

mistic policies that Argentina must

follow to continue receiving cred-

its, was forcing the country into

economic stagnation.

Argentina is suffering from

hyperinflation, averaging 126 per

cent over the last 12 months,

including almost 14 per cent in

August. Workers wages have fal-

len 20 per cent below the level

when President Alfonsin was

elected president in 1983, econo-

mists say.

President Alfonsin said he has

instructed his economic team to

initiate through diplomatic chan-

nels a campaign for "a freeze on

the interest rates."

President Alfonsin told indus-

trial leaders his government would

not "allow the World Bank to

neglect the most important pur-

poses for which it was created,

such as attending to the problems

of development and poverty."

Pentagon offers Rabin military

contracts to compensate for Lavi

WASHINGTON — In the first

move by the U.S. following the

Israeli decision to discontinue the

Lavi, Defence Secretary Caspar

Weinberger Thursday outlined

his country's commitment to ex-

tend for two years an "offsetting"

sub-contracting military program-

me that will permit an extra \$150

million per annum to be spent in

Israel.

In a lengthy letter to Defence

Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Mr.

Weinberger listed other military

programmes currently under Pen-

tagon consideration, informed

sources said.

Mr. Weinberger had informed

Rabin in July that, if Israel can-

celled the Lavi, it could use \$400

million of the \$1.8 billion U.S.

military aid for other military

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veloping world behind Brazil and

Mexico. Brazil similarly put a

freeze on payments of the interest

portion of its foreign debt earlier

this year.

President Alfonsin said, "we

will not allow the International

Monetary Fund to continue

trying to apply ridiculous pre-

scriptions that have nothing to do

with the people."

He charged that the IMF, with

what he called restrictive econo-

mistic policies that Argentina must

follow to continue receiving cred-

its, was forcing the country into

economic stagnation.

Argentina is suffering from

hyperinflation, averaging 126 per

cent over the last 12 months,

including almost 14 per cent in

August. Workers wages have fal-

len 20 per cent below the level

when President Alfonsin was

elected president in 1983, econo-

mists say.

President Alfonsin said he has

instructed his economic team to

initiate through diplomatic chan-

nels a campaign for "a freeze on

the interest rates."

President Alfonsin told indus-

trial leaders his government would

not "allow the World Bank to

White House to seek \$270m for contras Managua accuses U.S. of hurting Central American peace efforts

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (Agencies) — Vice President Sergio Ramirez accused the U.S. administration of "planting thorns in the way" of peace in Central America with its decision to seek \$270 million in new aid for the contra rebels.

Mr. Ramirez told a news conference in late Thursday that the administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan was "boycotting" the efforts of the five Central American presidents who signed a peace plan last month in Guatemala City.

"It is incongruous that while the Central American countries are set on taking the direction of peace... the U.S. administration so clearly wants to destroy those peace efforts, planting thorns in the way and boycotting this effort," he said.

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz told Congress Thursday the administration would ask for \$270 million in aid to the contras for an 18-month period.

He said the additional aid was

to ensure that Nicaragua complied with terms of the new peace plan.

"If the Guatemalan agreement is to be implemented in a way that secures a negotiated ceasefire, a democratic opening in Nicaragua, and accommodation of basic national security interests... the United States must continue to furnish support to the freedom fighters," Mr. Shultz said.

Congress last year approved \$100 million in military and non-lethal aid to the rebels, who are fighting the Sandinista government which in July 1979 ousted Anastasio Somoza.

Nicaragua's defence minister, Humberto Ortega, brother of President Daniel Ortega, also cal-

led the U.S. decision "a boycott of the peace efforts by the Central American presidents."

On Radio Sandino, the voice of the ruling Sandinista National Liberation Front, Mr. Ortega said, "not with \$500 million will the U.S. government be able to avoid the total defeat" of the contras.

Mr. Ramirez said despite the planned request for fresh contra aid, the Sandinista government would continue taking steps to comply with the peace agreement.

"We are not going to withdraw from fulfilling the agreements," he said.

The peace plan calls for a ceasefire in Central America's warring countries, amnesties, democratic reforms and an end to foreign aid for rebel forces, all to be implemented by Nov. 7.

Earlier, Foreign Minister Miguel D'Escoto complained in a note to Mr. Shultz about "new acts of aggression... with the intention of boycotting the peace agreement."

"The government of the United States has continued pushing its illegal policy of intervention and force against Nicaragua," the note said.

Specifically, Mr. D'Escoto protested a rebel attack Monday on a La Patria farming cooperative in Jinotega province, 200 kilometres north of the capital of Managua.

He said seven civilians were killed in the attack, and houses and health and supply centres were destroyed.

White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said Mr. Shultz's announcement did not break Mr. Reagan's commitment to Speaker of the House Jim Wright.

"We maintain our commitment to Speaker Wright not to submit an aid request before the 30th," he said, adding that it could go up on that date. He said Mr. Shultz's statement was necessary because Congress wanted to know administration intent on contra aid and "we had to be honest with them."

Philippine Central Bank governor, others resign

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The government on Friday announced the resignations of the Central Bank governor and eight other senior officials after news reports President Corason Aquino would replace her controversial executive secretary and at least three cabinet members.

The resignations and replacements followed last month's failed coup and came amid the deepest political crisis facing the 54-year-old president.

In a nationwide television appearance late Thursday, Mrs. Aquino appealed to Filipinos for support in healing rifts during her 18-month rule.

"I need you badly," she said, calling for support in a power struggle involving both military and big business factions.

Spokesman Teodoro Benigno said Jose Fernandez, a holdover from ousted President Ferdinand Marcos' administration, had resigned as Central Bank governor and as a member of the government monetary board. As bank governor, Mr. Fernandez oversaw the operations of every bank. His office controlled the amount of money in circulation and wielded great influence over all monetary policy.

Mrs. Aquino has said she will

announce replacements by the weekend.

Several Manila newspapers and private television stations reported Friday that Mrs. Aquino would replace Mr. Joker Arroyo, the executive secretary who was among the 25 cabinet members who resigned Wednesday. The news reports said the president would also replace Economic Planning Secretary Solita Monsod, Finance Secretary Jaime Ongpin and Public Works Secretary Vicente Jayme.

The Manila Chronicle quoted an unidentified "ranking official" in the House of Representatives as saying Chief of Staff Gen. Fidel Ramos would retire and be offered the public works post.

Gen. Ramos, 59, said Thursday he had "long ago" told the president he was ready to retire anytime she wished. Some reports also said Trade Secretary Jose Concepcion would also be replaced.

Mr. Benigno also said Tax Commissioner Bienvenido Tan, Customs Chief Alexander Padilla, and Immigration Commissioner Enrique Joaquin had also resigned. In addition to Mr. Fernandez, Mr. Benigno said the rest of the monetary board also stepped down.

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Poll shows most priests want to marry

NEW YORK (R) — Most U.S. Catholic parish priests would like to be able to marry but are evenly divided on the ordination of women and advice on artificial birth control, a poll published on Friday shows. A telephone poll conducted for the New York Times and the CBS Television Network showed 55 per cent of priests favoured allowing priests to marry while 43 per cent were opposed. Those interviewed were split 43 per cent to 43 per cent for and against ordination by 56 to 39 per cent. Asked if there were circumstances in which priests should counsel artificial birth control, 47 per cent said there were and 45 per cent said there were not. While 24 per cent said they favoured its use, 64 per cent of all American Catholics support artificial birth control, the Times reported. Results of the poll were published in Friday's editions of the Times, one day after Pope John Paul II arrived in Miami for a nine-city tour of the United States. According to the poll, 63 per cent of the priests rated Pope John Paul as less effective than Pope John XXIII and almost half said his personal moral attitudes were more conservative than his own. Four priests thought Pope John Paul was a liberal. The poll selected a random sample of 855 priests from the nation's approximate 30,000.

More young Americans delaying marriage

WASHINGTON (R) — More and more young Americans are putting off marriage in their 20s and even in their early 30s, the census bureau reported on Wednesday. "The percentage of people in their 20s who have never married has grown dramatically since 1970," the bureau said in its yearly report on U.S. households, marital status and living arrangements. While most Americans eventually will marry, the agency said, the percentage of unmarried people grew significantly among those aged 20 to 34. A bureau spokesman said: "Most likely, education and career goals are taking precedence over family and marriage. But it's also a matter of simple economics. 'Young people are simply staying at home longer — and in some cases, not ever leaving home — as the cost of setting up a household becomes more and more expensive," he added. The bureau said that in this year's survey of U.S. households it found that 78 per cent of American men aged 20 to 24 had never married compared to 69 per cent in 1980 and 55 per cent in 1970. Among women 20 to 24 years old, 61 per cent were unmarried compared to 50 per cent in 1980 and 36 per cent in 1970. Among men 30 to 34 years old, 23 per cent were unmarried compared to 16 per cent in 1980. Of women aged 30 to 34, 15 per cent were unmarried, compared to 10 per cent in 1980.

Reagan catches wayward papal cap

MIAMI (R) — President Reagan made an athletic, one-handed catch of Pope John Paul's cap when it blew off during welcoming ceremonies. The Pope had just started his arrival speech on a raised platform at Miami airport when a sudden gust of wind blew the skull cap, known as a zucchetto, off the Pope's head. Zucchetto means "little squash" in Italian. The 76-year-old Reagan, a former baseball announcer who was standing on the platform, flung out his right hand and caught the cap. Mr. Reagan nonchalantly held the cap behind his back while the Pope continued his speech bareheaded. At the end of the speech Mr. Reagan handed the cap to an aide who returned it to John Paul.

Smoking hits record low in U.S.

ATLANTA (R) — Cigarette smoking among U.S. adults has plunged to its lowest recorded level ever, with slightly more than one in four Americans sharing the habit, the federal government has reported. A survey conducted last year among 13,031 adults nationwide found that 26.5 per cent smoked, continuing a downward trend that began in the late 1960s. From 1944 to the mid-1960s, about 40 per cent of adults smoked, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reported, with the highest incidence recorded in a 1949 survey, when 44 per cent of the adult population acknowledged smoking. The CDC said 29.5 per cent of American men and 23.8 per cent of the women said they smoked, while 28.4 per cent of blacks and 26.4 per cent of whites described themselves as smokers. The highest rate was among men aged 35 to 44, with smokers representing 37.1 per cent of the sample. According to the report, men typically smoked 22.8 cigarettes a day, while women puffed an average of 19.1.

Peasants 'execute' mentally ill man

PEKING (R) — Chinese newspapers announced death sentences for an assortment of criminals on Friday but warned people against taking the law into their own hands after peasants "executed" an insane man by drowning him in a manure pit. China Legal News said three villagers had been arrested in Hobei province, central China, for inciting the kangaroo trial and execution. Mentally ill Zhu Anquing was judged by a court made up of members of 25 village households after he beat and tied up several residents, the newspaper said. The peasants unanimously agreed on the death penalty and threw their screaming victim into a night-soil pit, beating him with a staff to make sure he was dead, the paper said. In a commentary, the newspaper said the incident showed the strength of feudal attitudes and the China's goal of instilling legal knowledge in every citizen within five years was a difficult task. People's Daily reported on Friday that two pimps had been executed in the South China city of Canton and that six men guilty of a series of violent robberies of taxi drivers in Peking had been sentenced to death. On Tuesday a fireworks factory worker who caused an explosion in Peking's Tiananmen Square and a pedlar who tried to hurl the Forbidden City were also executed, earlier reports said.

Grandma gives birth to baby boy

NOTTINGHAM, England (R) — A 55-year-old grandmother on Wednesday became Britain's oldest woman to give birth when she had a boy in Nottingham City Hospital. A spokesman said Kathleen Campbell and her son were both well following delivery by Caesarean section. Campbell has six other children aged 16 to 22. Her husband Sydney, 65, is a Jamaican-born retired welder. The Guinness Book of World Records lists the world's oldest woman to give birth as American Ruth Alice Kistler, aged 57 years and 129 days when she had a daughter in 1956.

British search for historic sub

LONDON (AP) — The Royal Navy submarine museum says it hopes to salvage Britain's first mechanically powered submarine, which is believed to have been located 107 years after it sank off the north of Wales. Resurgam — Latin for "I shall rise again" — was unmanned when it went down in 1880 after a cable broke as it was being towed into Rhyll Harbour for repairs caused by a storm. It was built at Birkenhead, Liverpool, in 1879. The 45-foot (14-metre), cigar-shaped vessel was designed by the Rev. George William Garrett. It was driven by a coal-fired boiler which was stoked below the vessel submerged. The Royal Navy had promised Garrett £60,000 (then \$300,000) if it worked.

Villagers burn 6 Polynesians alive

PAPEETE, French Polynesia (R) — Superstitious villagers, accusing six people of being possessed by the devil, built a bonfire and burned them alive on the remote Fasite Island in French Polynesia. The French Overseas Territories Ministry said on Monday an investigation had begun into the incident. Islanders said the victims, four men and two women, were beaten, tied up, hanged or stabbed in the throat and then thrown alive onto the bonfire. The remains of the victims were recovered on Saturday from the isolated Polynesian island which has 180 inhabitants. An Overseas Territories Ministry spokesman said a magistrate and 10 gendarmes had been sent to the island, some 600 kilometres north-east of the territorial capital of Tahiti, to carry out the probe.

Burundi reopens frontier, airport

BUJUMBURA (R) — The Military Committee for National Salvation which seized power in Burundi on Sept. 3 reopened the frontiers and international airport of this central African state on Friday and ordered external telephone and telex links to be fully restored.

The formal ending of eight days of isolation from the rest of the world was announced in an official statement by the committee, headed by Maj. Pierre Bonyoya.

The statement also announced an easing of a 7 p.m. to 5.30 a.m.

Mandela reportedly refused inclusion in prisoner swap

PARIS (R) — Jailed South African black leader Nelson Mandela refused to be included in a southern Africa prisoner exchange on Monday, a French newspaper has said.

The independent daily Liberation, without identifying its sources, said South Africa had proposed to Angola that Mandela, the African National Congress (ANC) leader jailed 25 years ago for life, be a part of the exchange.

Dr. Mandela personally refused the offer and the ANC also rejected it. Luanda, according to the paper, considered the suggestion "indecent" because it would have swapped the black leader for a South African army captain captured during an Angolan raid.

The swap in the Mozambique capital Maputo brought freedom for the commando officer in return for the release of a French teacher jailed in a South African homeland, a Dutch fugitive in his country's Pretoria embassy and 133 Angolan prisoners of war. South African President P. W. Botha publicly suggested in Janu-

ary 1986 that Mandela be exchanged for the officer, Maj. Wynand D. Toit, if the Soviet Union released dissidents Andrei Sakharov and Anatoly Shcharansky.

Sakharov and Shcharansky were subsequently released in unrelated moves.

Dr. Mandela, Liberation said, refused the offer of freedom because of conditions set by South Africa and because Mr. Botha would not legalise the ANC.

The daily added that after Dr. Mandela refused to take part, France stepped in to negotiate the freedom of Pierre-Andre Albertini, imprisoned in the Ciskei homeland for refusing to respond to South African accusations of involvement in gun-running.

It said some participants in the prisoner swap found the "clamor of success" in Paris "a little indecent... particularly the homage paid by Pretoria to the 'personal role' of (Prime Minister) Jacques Chirac."

U.S. Marine convicted of dereliction

WASHINGTON (R) — Marine Sergeant Robert Stufflebeam was cleared on Thursday night of having sex with Soviet prostitutes while serving as a guard at the U.S. embassy in Moscow but was found guilty of dereliction of duty.

Stufflebeam, 24, could be sentenced to a maximum of a year in prison after being found guilty of two counts of dereliction of duty of frequenting an off-limits Moscow bar and taking subordinates there, said a Marine spokesman.

The spokesman said an eight-member court martial panel found Stufflebeam innocent of the more serious charges of having sex with Soviet prostitutes and lying about it to navy investigators.

Col. Bagaza tried unsuccessfully to return home and ended up in Uganda.

Col. Bagaza's aides in Kampala said the former president was negotiating for permission to return home as an ordinary citizen.

French prestige at stake in New Caledonian independence vote

NOUMEA, New Caledonia (R) — France puts its prestige on the line this weekend when New Caledonians vote on independence for the troubled French Pacific territory.

The odds are that Sunday's poll will leave the French flag still flying over the sun-baked South Sea islands.

But other countries will closely watch the conditions and turnout of the vote to judge whether it can ease tensions bubbling below the surface of what tourists describe as an "island paradise."

Already under attack from South Pacific nations for staging nuclear tests in the area, Paris has been put in the dock for refusing to part with one of the last remnants of its empire despite pleas for independence from indigenous Kanaks.

France broke off ministerial contacts with Australia early this year, saying Canberra was behind a United Nations vote by 89 nations in December to have New Caledonia related as a non-self-governing territory.

But the alarm bells really sounded in Paris last month when economic giant Japan said the Sept. 13 referendum might whip up racial tensions in the territory.

Spilling violence in 1984 and 1985 between separatist Kanaks and staunch pro-French loyalists, most of them white, caused more than 30 deaths, a rash of looting and burning of homes and an economic catastrophe.

It also left unhealed wounds, driving an even deeper wedge between the rural Kanak population and the white settlers and Asian immigrants who thrive in the prosperous palm-lined capital of Noumea.

In an effort to dampen the strain, France's former ruling Socialists two years ago gave the Kanaks, who make up 43 per cent of the population, a greater say in regional government and promised a referendum on independence in association with France.

The formula horrified the loyalists to France. They said it was biased in favour of the Kanak minority and feared they would soon have to pack their bags and go.

But the plan was dropped 18 months later by Conservative Prime Minister Jacques Chirac.

Mystery surrounds guns used in Oslo siege

OSLO (R) — Guns seen and fired during a siege at the Iranian embassy in Oslo may not have belonged to the attackers as first reported, police said Friday.

When the three-hour siege ended on Thursday with the surrender of 11 Iranian leftists who had stormed the embassy and held seven people hostage, diplomats derided police access to the building and refused to be questioned.

"We cannot confirm our earlier reports that the guns used belonged to the attackers, as we found no weapons on them," a police spokesman told Reuters.

He said police would not, as they had earlier said, make a second request for access, but gave no reason.

Reporters outside the embassy during the siege, in which an Iranian diplomat was killed, heard one shot before the attackers surrendered with their hostages. Police said they had seen men with pistols through the windows of the embassy.

Asked whether police believed the Iranian embassy could have contained guns before the attack, the spokesman said:

"That is pure speculation, on which I cannot comment."

Foreign Ministry spokesman Per Paust told Reuters that, according to international law, embassies are sovereign national territory and that Norway has no jurisdiction over them.

"It's entirely their business what they want to keep there," he said.

No one at the embassy could be reached for comment on Friday, but the injured Iranian charge d'affaires, Mohammad Hadi Ardabili, told Norwegian state radio in an interview that there were no guns in the mission.

"We have no weapons in the embassy and cannot defend ourselves," he said.

He sharply criticised police handling of the siege, in line with comments broadcast on Tehran Radio on Thursday which said they had acted "very irrespons-

Pakistani aide dismisses Afghan peace initiative

GENEVA (R) — Pakistan has blasted a much-heralded peace initiative by Afghanistan, calling it a propaganda ploy to diffuse criticism about the continued presence of 115,000 Soviet troops in the country.

Pakistani Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan told reporters after four days of United Nations-sponsored talks in Geneva.

"They (Kabul) called us to this meeting at short notice and the request was accompanied by indications that something substantial was in the offing."

But no offer came during the first two days, and then Kabul said it was willing to trim a timetable for the departure of some 115,000 Soviet troops to 16 months from 18, he said.

After all the trumpeting about a new timetable for Soviet withdrawal, Mr. Yaqub Khan said he arrived expecting a dramatic breakthrough.

"On arrival, we expected, in view of the prelude, proposals which would be substantial, serious and intended to overcome the remaining obstacles. We were disappointed," he said.

Pakistan made a counter offer for Soviet troops to leave within eight months of the signing of a U.N. peace plan but Kabul then called off the meeting. At the previous round in March, Islamabad wanted the Soviet troops out in seven months.

Mr. Yaqub Khan said the Afghan delegation gave no explanation for why it made the surprise request.

Security around the Iranian mission had been stepped up at the embassy's request following the incident, and Norway's Tebran embassy was under guard, though this was not requested by Norway, Norwegian Radio said.

The Oslo siege appeared to have been part of a coordinated protest in several European cities by opponents of Iran, led by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. This included attacks on Iranian airline offices in Paris and Frankfurt.

Only one of the attackers — 10 men and a woman — claimed to live in Norway. The others told police they lived in Sweden, West Germany and France.

They were charged on Friday with detaining people against their will and further charges may follow, police said.

The 11 are still being questioned along with embassy employees

GOREN BRIDGE

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DON'T BUY THAT BLUFF

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 5
♥ A K 8
♦ Q 10 8 4
♣ A K 9 7 5

WEST
♠ A 6
♥ J 10 9 6 3 2
♦ 3
♣ Q 10 8 6

EAST
♠ 10 9 3
♥ Q 5
♦ A K 7 5
♣ J 4 3 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 8 7 4 2
♥ 7 4
♦ J 3 6 2
♣ Void

The bidding:
South West North East
4♠ Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: Three of ♣

There are some deceptive plays that are impossible to read. But there are others which there is no need to have to read — there is no excuse for failing for them.

South's four-spade opening bid conforms to the Rule of Two and Three. You must consider the four-card side suit to be worth one playing trick, so the hand rates to produce seven tricks with spades as trumps, thus justifying an opening bid of four spades.

West led the three of diamonds and declarer saw an unfortunate

dummy — the ace and king of clubs were wasted values. There were three fast losers: two diamonds and the ace of trumps. And one or other of the defenders could score a diamond ruff to set the contract.

Obviously, declarer's best chance was to convince the defenders that it was he, not one of them, who might have a singleton diamond. Therefore, he played the ten from dummy and, when East produced the king, declarer contributed the two from hand. That convinced East that his partner's lead was from jack-fourth, so at trick two he shifted to a trump. Declarer needed no more.

To call the defense careless would be putting it mildly. East could expect declarer to make six trump tricks, and he had been looking at four more tricks on the table. If declarer had indeed started with a singleton diamond, there was no way on earth that his four-spade game could have been defeated.

Therefore, East should not even have wasted time looking to see what card declarer played to the first trick. Setting up the queen of diamonds was not going to have any bearing on the outcome of the hand. East should simply have continued with the ace of diamonds, and the rest of the defense would have been obvious.

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